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This short book examines the role of the college professor and offers ethical guidelines for teaching, scholarship, and personnel duties. The chapters contain essays which focus primarily on common sense clarification of the obligations and responsibilities of college faculty members. Chapters are liberally illustrated with stories and examples from the author's experience and supplemented with practical suggestions for maintaining the ethical standards presented. The first chapter describes the professorial life in general and notes that it is very autonomous with a wide range of professional responsibilities in a variety of settings. The second chapter discusses the art of instruction, the teacher's concerns, examinations, grades, the teacher's role, and evaluation of teaching. Focus of the third chapter is on scholarship and service. This chapter discusses the morality of scholarship, the community of scholars, departmental obligations, and institution-wide faculty duties. The fourth chapter treats issues concerned with faculty appointments, tenure, voting procedures, and faculty dismissals. Graduate education is the topic of the final chapter which discusses the ambiguities and difficulties from the graduate student's point of view and offers suggestions for how faculty should guide graduate students. Includes an index. Contains 27 references. (JB)

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